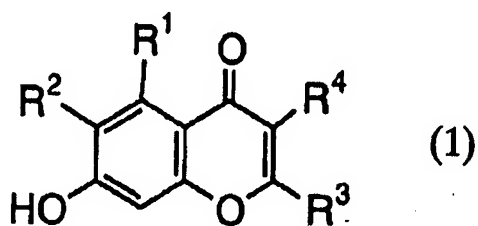


IN THE CLAIMS:

The following listing replaces all prior versions of the claims.

1. (Previously presented) A compound represented by the general formula (1):

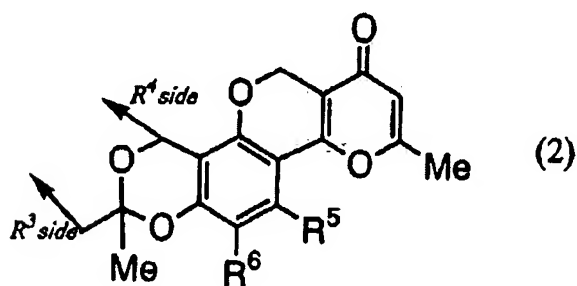


wherein R^1 , R^2 , R^3 and R^4 represent one of the following [I] to [IX]:

[I] R^1 represents a hydrogen atom or a carboxyl group,

R^2 represents a hydrogen atom or a hydroxyl group, and

R^3 and R^4 are joined to form a divalent group of the formula (2):

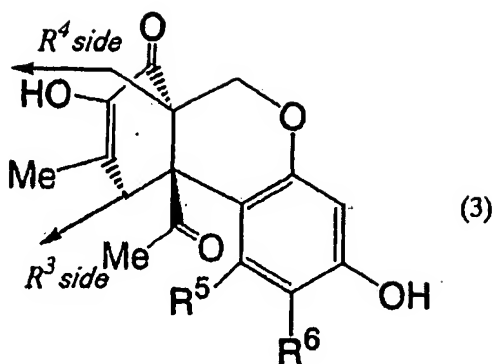


wherein R^5 represents a hydrogen atom or a carboxyl group and R^6 represents a hydrogen atom or a hydroxyl group;

[II] R^1 represents a hydrogen atom or a carboxyl group,

R^2 represents a hydrogen atom or a hydroxyl group, and

R^3 and R^4 are joined to form a divalent group of the formula (3):

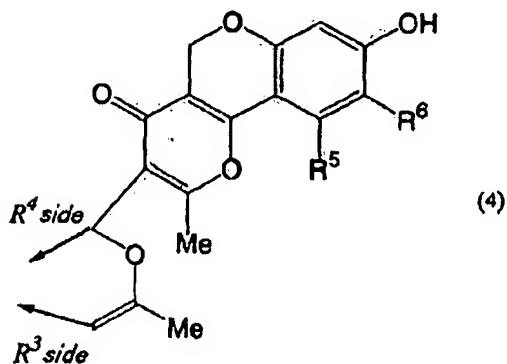


wherein R^5 and R^6 have the same meanings as above;

[III] R^1 represents a hydrogen atom or a carboxyl group,

R^2 represents a hydrogen atom or a hydroxyl group, and

R^3 and R^4 are joined to form a divalent group of the formula (4):

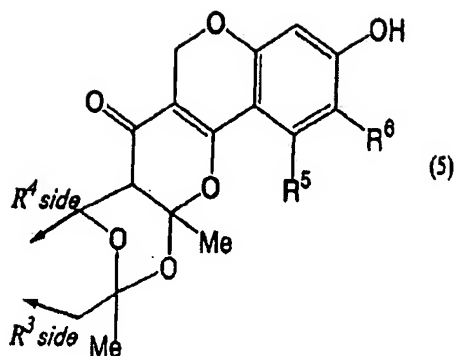


wherein R^5 and R^6 have the same meanings as above;

[IV] R^1 represents a hydrogen atom or a carboxyl group,

R^2 represents a hydrogen atom or a hydroxyl group, and

R^3 and R^4 are joined to form a divalent group of the formula (5):

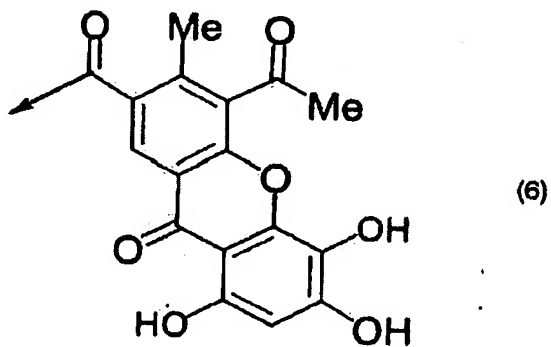


wherein R^5 and R^6 have the same meanings as above;

[V] R^1 represents a hydrogen atom or a carboxyl group,

R^2 represents a hydrogen atom or a hydroxyl group, and

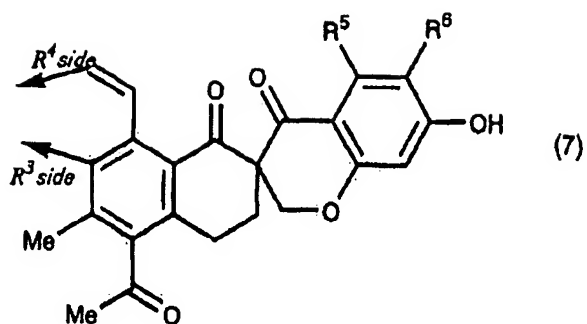
R^3 represents a hydrogen atom and R^4 represents a group of the formula (6):



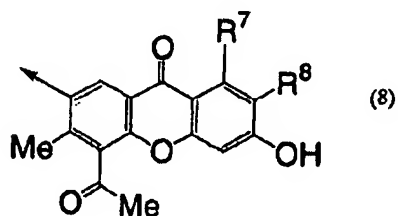
[VI] R^1 represents a hydrogen atom or a carboxyl group,

R^2 represents a hydrogen atom or a hydroxyl group, and

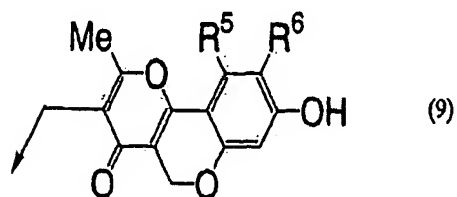
R^3 and R^4 are joined to form a divalent group of the formula (7):



wherein R^5 and R^6 have the same meanings as above;
 [VII] R^1 represents a hydrogen atom or a carboxyl group,
 R^2 represents a hydrogen atom or a hydroxyl group, and
 R^3 represents a group of the formula (8):



wherein R^7 represents a hydrogen atom or a carboxyl group and R^8 represents a hydrogen atom or a hydroxyl group, and
 R^4 represents a group of the formula (9):

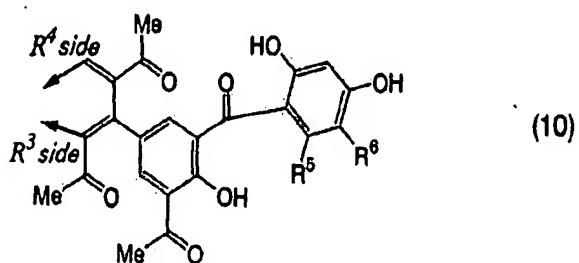


wherein R^5 represents a carboxyl group and R^6 has the same meaning as above;

[VIII] R^1 represents a carboxyl group,

R^2 represents a hydroxyl group, and

R^3 and R^4 are joined to form a divalent group of the formula (10):

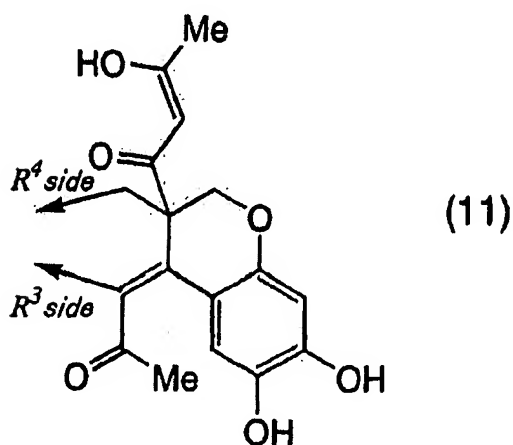


wherein R^5 represents a carboxyl group and R^6 represents a hydroxyl group;

[IX] R^1 represents a carboxyl group,

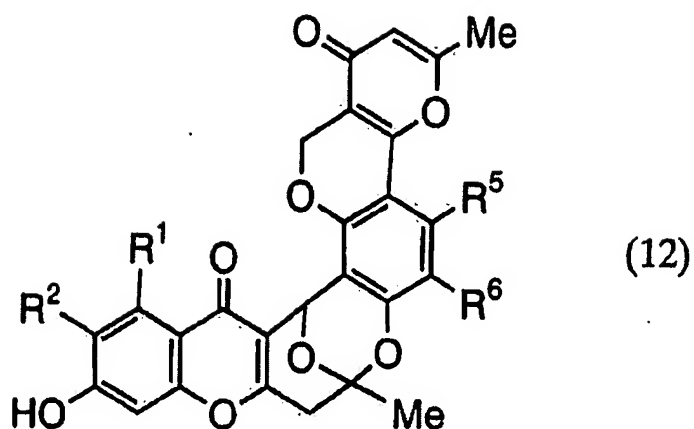
R^2 represents a hydroxyl group, and

R^3 and R^4 are joined to form a divalent group of the formula (11):



or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

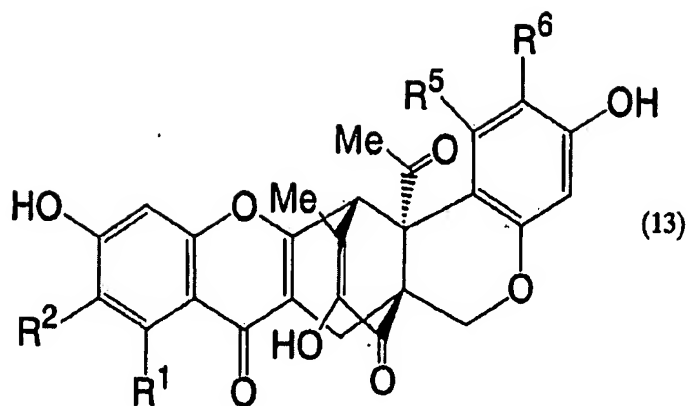
2. (Previously presented) The compound according to claim 1 represented by the general formula (12):



wherein R^1 , R^2 , R^5 and R^6 have the same meanings as in claim 1 [I], or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

3. (Previously presented) The compound according to claim 2, wherein R^1 and R^5 are each a carboxyl group, R^2 is a hydroxyl group or a hydrogen atom and R^6 is a hydroxyl group in the general formula (12), or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

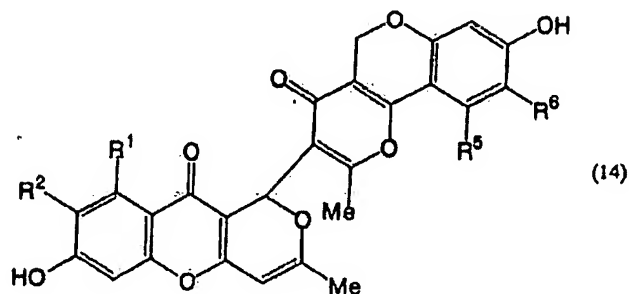
4. (Previously presented) The compound according to claim 1 represented by the general formula (13):



wherein R^1 , R^2 , R^5 and R^6 have the same meanings as in claim 1 [II], or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

5. (Previously presented) The compound according to claim 4, wherein R^1 and R^5 are each a carboxyl group, and R^2 and R^6 are each a hydroxyl group in the general formula (13), or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

6. (Previously presented) The compound according to claim 1 represented by the general formula (14):

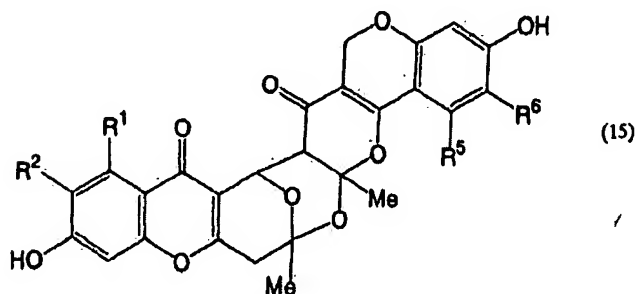


wherein R^1 , R^2 , R^5 and R^6 have the same meanings as in claim 1 [III], or a pharmaceutically

acceptable salt thereof.

7. (Previously presented) The compound according to claim 6, wherein R^1 and R^5 are each a carboxyl group, and R^2 and R^6 are each a hydroxyl group in the general formula (14), or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

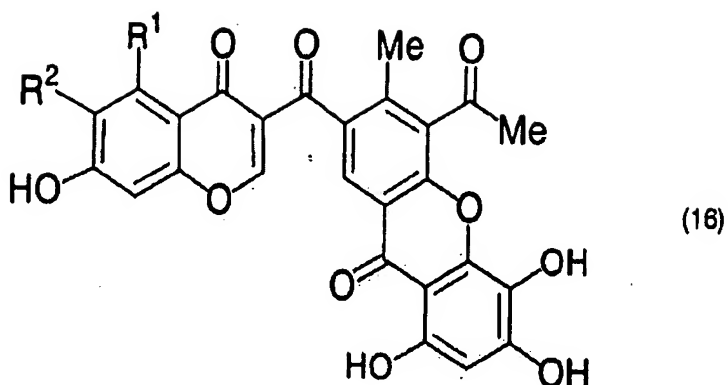
8. (Previously presented) The compound according to claim 1 represented by the general formula (15):



wherein R^1 , R^2 , R^5 and R^6 have the same meanings as in claim 1 [IV], or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

9. (Previously presented) The compound according to claim 8, wherein R^1 and R^5 are each a carboxyl group, and R^2 and R^6 are each a hydroxyl group in the general formula (15), or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

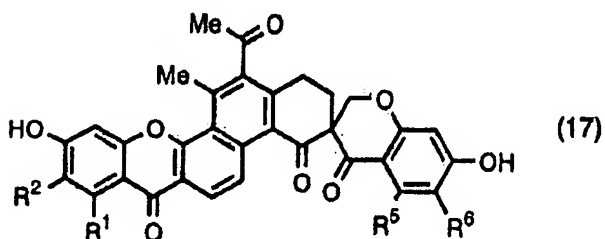
10. (Previously presented) The compound according to claim 1 represented by the general formula (16):



wherein R^1 and R^2 have the same meanings as in claim 1 [V], or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

11. (original) The compound according to claim 10, wherein R^1 represents a carboxyl group and R^2 represents a hydroxyl group in the general formula (16), or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

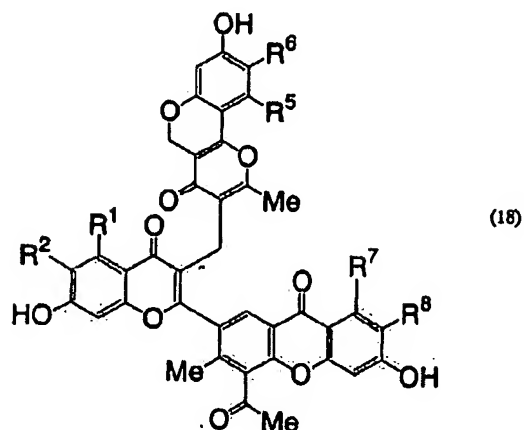
12. (Previously presented) The compound according to claim 1 represented by the general formula (17):



wherein R^1 , R^2 , R^5 and R^6 have the same meanings as in claim 1 [VI], or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

13. (Previously presented) The compound according to claim 12, wherein R^1 and R^5 each represents a carboxyl group, and R^2 and R^6 each represents a hydroxyl group in the general formula (17), or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

14. (Previously presented) The compound according to claim 1 represented by the general formula (18):

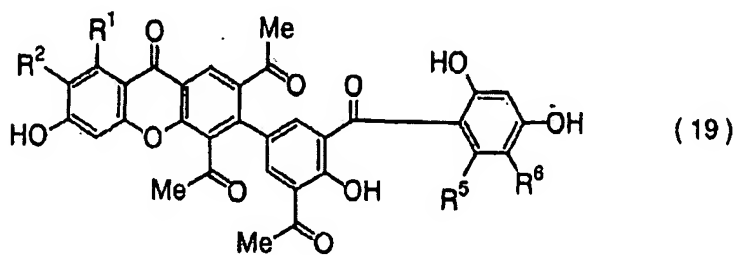


wherein R^1 , R^2 , R^5 , R^6 , R^7 and R^8 have the same meanings as in claim 1 [VII], or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

15. (Previously presented) The compound according to claim 14, wherein R^1 is a carboxyl group, R^2 , R^6 and R^8 are each a hydroxyl group, and R^7 is a hydrogen atom in the general formula (18), or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

16. (Canceled)

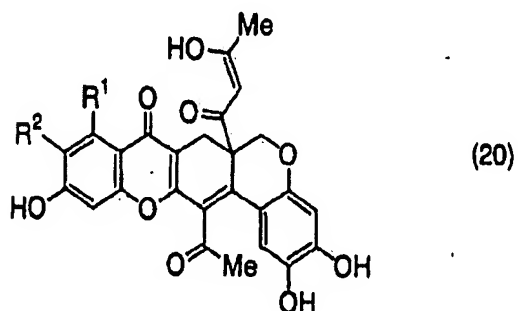
17. (Previously presented) The compound according to claim 1 represented by the general formula (19):



wherein R^1 and R^5 each represents a carboxyl group, and R^2 and R^6 each represents a hydroxyl group, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

18-20. (Canceled)

21. (Previously presented) The compound according to claim 1 represented by the general formula (20):



wherein R^1 is a carboxyl group and R^2 is a hydroxyl group, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

22-28. (Canceled)

29. (Previously presented) A semaphorin 3A inhibitor comprising as an active ingredient the compound according to claim 1, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

30-34. (Canceled)

35. (Canceled)

36. (Previously presented) A process for producing a compound or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof according to claim 1, wherein the process comprises the steps of: 1)

cultivating in a culture medium a microorganism belonging to the genus *Penicillium* which is *Penicillium* sp. SPF-3059 having accession number FERM BP-7663; and 2) collecting the compound according to claim 1 from the culture medium.

37. (Canceled)

38. (Previously presented) A method comprising using the compound according to claim 1 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof as an active ingredient to inhibit semaphorin 3A.